

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A crane apparatus is installed on a pier, wharf, bulkhead wharf or other foundation extending into the water for directly transshipping containers from a vessel moored alongside the foundation to another transportation mode without necessity of ground placement of the containers. The crane apparatus includes a parent crane displaceable along the foundation for unloading containers from a vessel moored alongside the foundation and placing the containers on a first platform of the parent crane, and a sibling crane displaceable along the foundation beneath the parent crane independently of displacement of the parent crane for loading containers from the first platform onto over-the-ground vehicles. The parent crane has a first trolley/spreader hoist movable along a first boom for unloading containers from the vessel and placing them on either the first platform or a second platform of the parent crane, and a second trolley/spreader hoist movable along a second boom for loading containers from the second platform onto another vessel or over-the-ground vehicles.

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